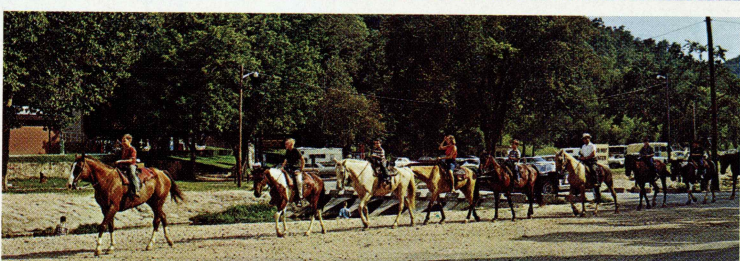
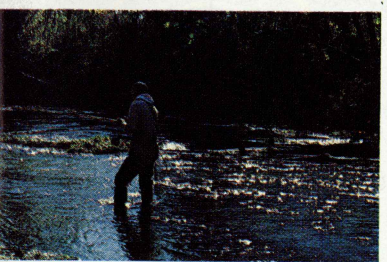


# **VISIT MISSOURI**

## **STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES**





# Welcome to our State Parks and Historic Sites



As our state celebrates 150 years of statehood, we invite you to visit Missouri's many state parks and historic sites.

The State Park Board's historic preservation program traces our state's journey from the beginning of the westward journey of the Santa Fe Trail to the birthplace of former President Harry S. Truman.

The thousands of acres of park land are maintained for your recreation and enjoyment. They include beautiful lakes, springs and scenic views as well as a wide variety of plant and animal life.

We hope you will have an opportunity to visit many of our parks and historic sites and participate in our sesquicentennial celebration. The friendly people of Missouri welcome you and hope your visit is enjoyable.

Warren E. Hearnes  
Governor of Missouri



# ABOUT MISSOURI STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES

The beginnings of the Missouri State Park system can be traced back to 1917 when the legislature recognized the need for public recreation areas by providing for a State Park Fund to be financed from Game and Fish Department licenses. The first state parks were acquired in 1924.

The present six member Park Board was created in 1953, when the 67th General Assembly established the Park Board as a separate division. The Governor appoints the non-partisan Board with the advice and consent of the Senate.

In order for an area to be accepted as a State Park or Historic Site, they must meet one of the following criteria. They must possess outstanding qualities of landscape, have a statewide significance, be of special public recreational value, or have a historical significance of statewide or national concern.

The Missouri State Park Board now has 35 state parks; 17 historic and archaeological sites and 2 sites under development. The Park Board is also in charge of three covered bridges and several Governors' graves.

## FACTS PERTAINING TO MISSOURI'S STATE PARKS

Acreage in State Park System .....	75,380	Number of Park Visitors 1970 .....	14,539,415
Number of maintained buildings .....	1,433	Number of people using overnight campgrounds in 1970 .....	996,906
Acres of man-made lakes .....	1,147	State Flower .....	Hawthorn
Miles of shore line on Lake of the Ozarks .....	89	State Bird .....	Bluebird
Miles of major streams bordering or flowing through parks .....	40	Approximate blooming date for Redbud .....	April 15
Miles of maintained park roads .....	175	Approximate blooming date for Dogwood .....	April 25
Number of organized group camps .....	16	Height of flaming fall reveiw .....	October 15-25
Group camp capacity .....	2,348		
Number of group camper days in the 1970 season .....	139,523		



### MISSOURI STATE PARK BOARD

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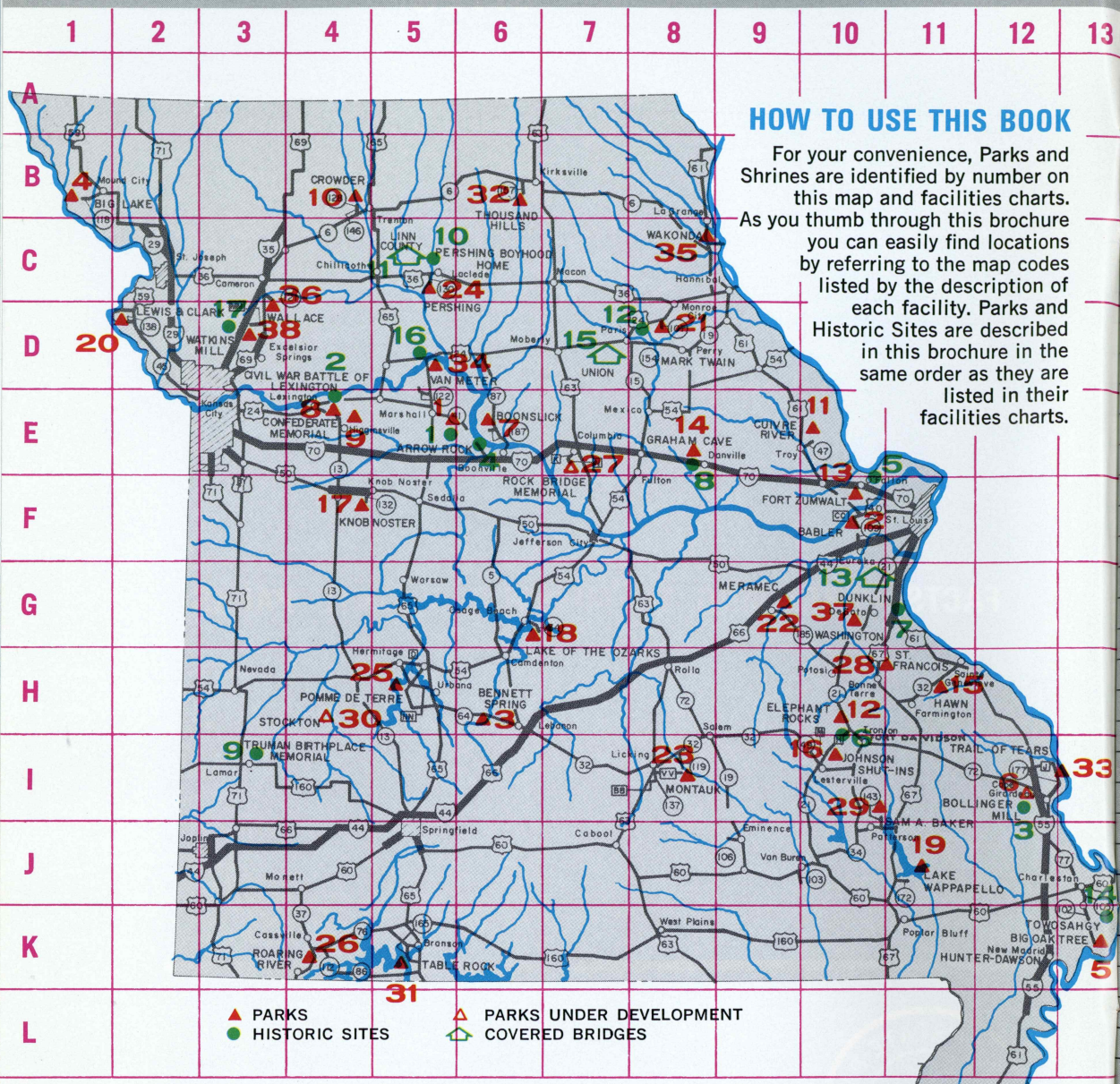
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# Locations, Facilities and Activities in



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# Missouri State Parks

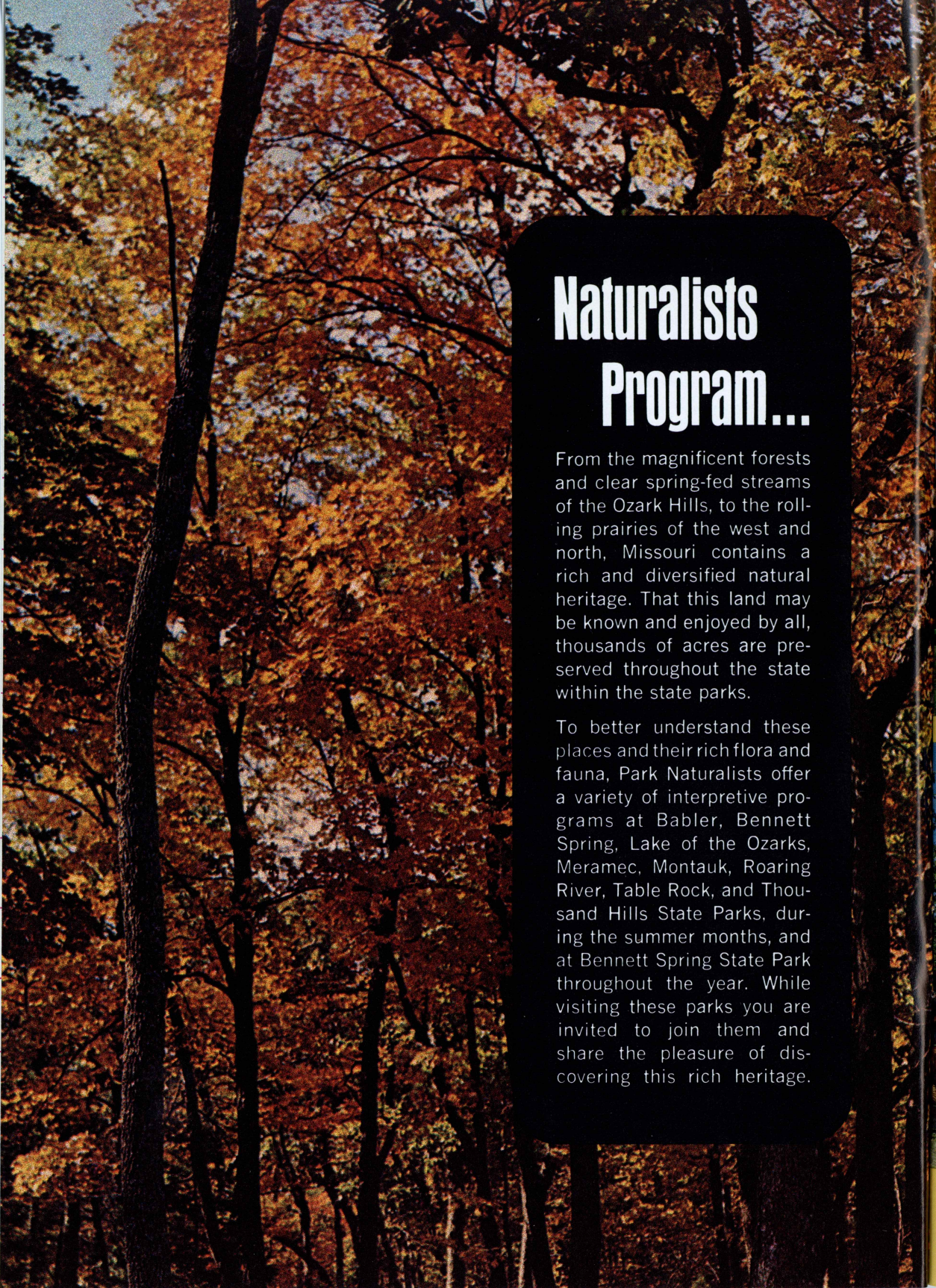
NAME AND ADDRESS	Acreage	Streams	Springs	Trout Fishing	Fishing	Swimming	Swimming pool	Marina	Boating	Store	Cabins	Nature Trails	Dining Lodge	Saddle Horses	Group Camps	Lake	Tent or Trailer Camping	Electric Hookups	Trailer Dumping Station	Complete Travel Trailer Connections
1. Arrow Rock, Arrow Rock, Mo. 65320	107		●							●		●	●				●	●	●	
2. Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial, Chesterfield, Mo. 63017	2,629	●					●			●		●		●						
3. Bennett Springs, Lebanon, Mo. 65536	796	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●
4. Big Lake, Bigelow, Mo. 64425	111				●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●
5. Big Oak Tree, East Prairie, Mo. 63845	1,007											●					●	●	●	●
*6. Bollinger Mill, Burfordville, Mo.	24																			
7. Boone's Lick, Boonesboro, Mo.	17		●									●								
8. Battle of Lexington, Lexington, Mo. 64067	114																			
9. Confederate Memorial, Higginsville, Mo. 64037	121				●											●				
10. Crowder, Trenton, Mo. 64683	673				●	●						●			●	●	●	●	●	●
11. Cuivre River, Troy, Mo. 63379	5,914	●			●	●						●			●	●	●			
12. Elephant Rock, Graniteville, Mo. 63650	131					●						●				●				
13. Fort Zumwalt, O'Fallon, Mo. 63366	48											●					●	●		
14. Graham Cave, Montgomery City, Mo. 63361	251											●					●	●	●	
15. Hawn, New Offenburg, Mo. 63676	2,259	●										●					●	●		
16. Johnson's Shut-Ins, Middle Brook, Mo. 63656	2,518	●			●	●						●					●	●	●	
17. Knob Noster, Knob Noster, Mo. 65336	3,610	●			●	●						●			●	●	●	●	●	
18. Lake of the Ozarks, Kaiser, Mo. 65047	16,469				●	●		●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
19. Lake Wappapello, Poplar Bluff, Mo. 63967	1,854				●	●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●		●	
20. Lewis and Clark, Rushville, Mo. 64484	61				●	●		●							●	●	●	●	●	
21. Mark Twain, Stoutsville, Mo. 65283	1,192	●			●						●	●			●	●	●			
22. Meramec, Sullivan, Mo. 63080	7,153	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●
23. Montauk, Salem, Mo. 65560	1,096	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	
24. Pershing, Laclede, Mo. 64651	1,836	●			●	●						●			●	●	●	●	●	●
25. Pomme de Terre, Pittsburg, Mo. 65724	364				●	●		●	●	●		●			●	●	●	●	●	
26. Roaring River, Cassville, Mo. 65745	3,338	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
*27. Rock Bridge, Columbia, Mo. 65201	1,385	●	●									●								
28. St. Francois, Bonne Terre, Mo. 63628	2,402	●	●		●	●						●								
29. Sam A. Baker, Patterson, Mo. 63956	5,138	●			●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	
*30. Stockton, Stockton, Mo. 65635	2,012				●	●		●							●					
31. Table Rock, Branson, Mo. 65616	552			●	●	●		●	●			●				●	●	●	●	●
32. Thousand Hills, Kirksville, Mo. 63501	3,192				●	●		●	●		●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●
33. Trail of Tears, Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701	3,268	●	●		●			●				●				●	●	●	●	
34. Van Meter, Miami, Mo. 65344	722				●							●				●	●			
35. Wakonda, LaGrange, Mo. 63448	257				●	●										●	●	●	●	
36. Wallace, Cameron, Mo. 64429	301				●	●						●				●	●	●	●	
37. Washington, DeSoto, Mo. 63020	1,101	●			●	●	●				●	●	●				●	●		
38. Watkins Mill, Lawson, Mo. 64062	1,289																			

\*These parks are under development, but are open with limited facilities.

*Enjoy yourself . . . take the family to one of Missouri's many State Parks!*

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ARE POSTED IN ALL STATE PARKS INDICATING THESE VARIOUS FACILITIES AND THEIR LOCATIONS.





# Naturalists Program...

From the magnificent forests and clear spring-fed streams of the Ozark Hills, to the rolling prairies of the west and north, Missouri contains a rich and diversified natural heritage. That this land may be known and enjoyed by all, thousands of acres are preserved throughout the state within the state parks.

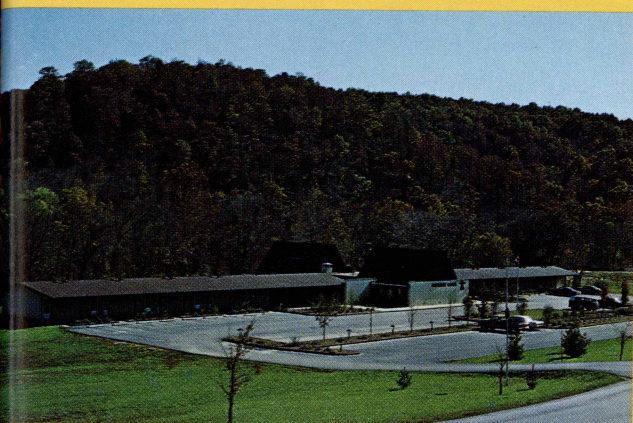
To better understand these places and their rich flora and fauna, Park Naturalists offer a variety of interpretive programs at Babler, Bennett Spring, Lake of the Ozarks, Meramec, Montauk, Roaring River, Table Rock, and Thousand Hills State Parks, during the summer months, and at Bennett Spring State Park throughout the year. While visiting these parks you are invited to join them and share the pleasure of discovering this rich heritage.



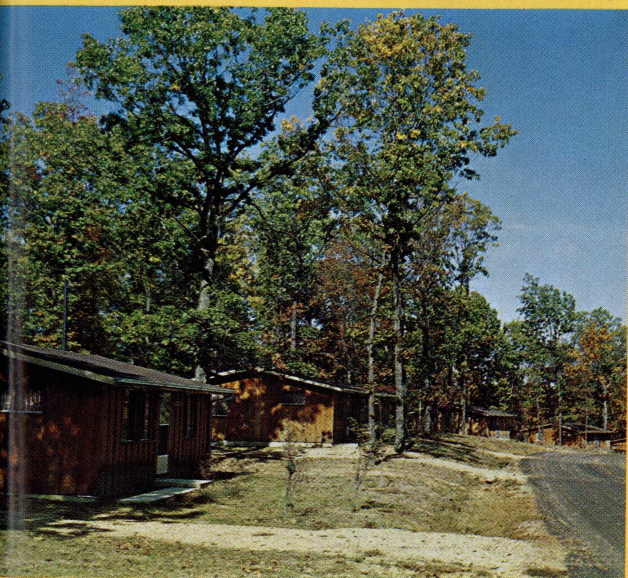
# Cabins and Dining Lodges

*Take a different kind of vacation...*

*relax and enjoy yourself . . . stay in  
one of the modern motel rooms, cabins, or  
housekeeping cabins available in ten state parks.*



Montauk Dining Lodge.



New vacation cabins at Lake Wappapello.

**CABINS . . .** Linens and towels are furnished for motel rooms and sleeping cabins. Housekeeping cabins are furnished with towels, linens, cooking utensils, and tableware.

CABINS in the three trout parks — Roaring River, Montauk, and Bennett Spring — open March 1 and close October 31.

CABINS in the other seven parks — Big Lake, Lake Wappapello, Mark Twain, Meramec, Sam A. Baker, Thousand Hills, and Washington State Parks — open April 15 and close October 31.

**RESERVATIONS . . .** to make reservations write or call the Concessionaire in the park of your choice. A one day's deposit is required for all lodging reservations. When occupying cabins for one week, the seventh day is free. The deposit is refunded if a cancellation is received by the Concessionaire 24 hours in advance.

Cabins and rooms may be occupied at 3:00 p.m. Check out time is 1:00 p.m.

**DINING LODGES . . .** featuring fine food, located in . . . Arrow Rock, Bennett Spring, Big Lake, Meramec, Montauk, Roaring River, Sam A. Baker, Thousand Hills, and Washington State Parks.



# Group Camping...

*An outdoor experience  
for non-profit  
youth groups...*



Group Campers on Archery Range  
at Cuivre River.

The group camp program offers a wide variety of recreational facilities to the public, providing an opportunity for many non-profit youth oriented organizations to conduct a residence type camping program in sixteen group camp facilities.

The camp facilities include a completely equipped dining lodge and kitchen, modern toilet and shower buildings, sleeping cabins or barracks and various outdoor recreational facilities. Many of the camps also have a recreation building, infirmary, craft house, play court, play field, staff quarters, unit lodges, swimming and boating facilities, etc.

The Park Board also provides the basic camp furnishings and equipment such as kitchen equipment, cooking and eating utensils, dishes, tables, chairs, benches, beds, mattresses, etc.

The camping organizations must provide all other items necessary in the operation of the camp including, bedding, food, recreational equipment, towels, and cleaning equipment.

The camps are located in Crowder, Cuivre River, Knob Noster, Mark Twain, Pershing, and Roaring River State Parks. They are open between April 15 and October 15 each year.



Flag Raising at Camp Pin Oak, Lake of the Ozarks.

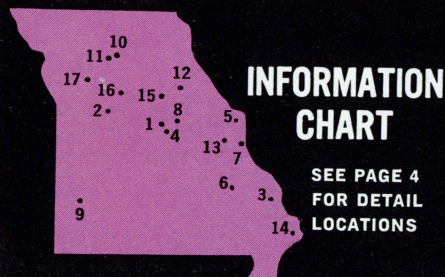
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## **MISSOURI STATE PARK BOARD**

**Recreation Section  
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# Missouri's State Historic Sites



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Group rates are available at all historic sites for groups of twenty or more. A twenty percent reduction of admission will be granted if the group schedules their visit in advance. Payment for the tour must be made in advance, and one adult must be present for each nine persons under sixteen years of age. For further information, contact the Historian, Missouri State Park Board, P. O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

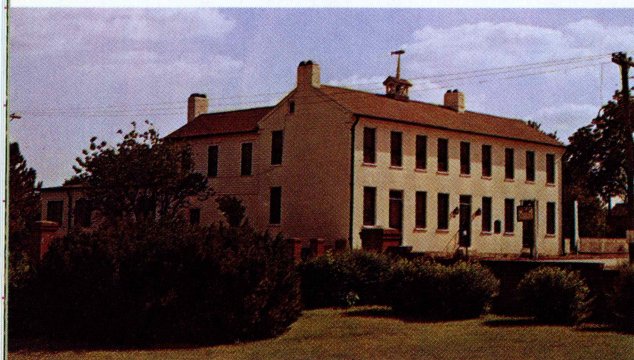


**ARROW ROCK** is an early settlement in Missouri filled with historic atmosphere. Here the Santa Fe Trail crossed the Missouri River in 1821 and began its long trek to the southwest. Arrow Rock is the home of three early governors of the State, M. M. Marmaduke, John S. Marmaduke, and Claiborne F. Jackson. Arrow Rock was also the home of Dr. John Sappington of medical fame and George Caleb Bingham, the frontier artist.



Historic Arrow Rock was one of the beginnings of the Santa Fe Trail.

Arrow Rock Tavern features fine food.



**ARROW ROCK TAVERN**, built by Judge Joseph Huston in 1834 in the federal style of architecture, still offers the fine food for today's traveler. The air-conditioned dining area provides comfort in the surroundings of a historic house museum. Museum items of historical significance relating to the Santa Fe Trail, Arrow Rock and Missouri in general are displayed in their proper settings. Period furnishings, including several items of the family of the famous "fever doctor", Dr. John Sappington, are exhibited.

**GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM HOUSE** is furnished with primitive Missouri original furnishings. Bingham, one of Missouri's most famous artists, owned the home from 1837 to 1845. Each room of the three room home is furnished as a period room to appear much as it probably did during Bingham's occupancy. Restored by the Missouri State Park Board in 1965, the home was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1968.



One of Missouri's most famous Artists, George Bingham, lived in this house.

**OLD COURT HOUSE**, a two room frame building, is the most recent addition to Arrow Rock State Historic Site. The structure which served as a Court House in 1839-1840 was later converted to a residence. Restored in 1960 by the Friends of Arrow Rock, Inc., the structure was donated to the Missouri State Park Board in 1968. Primitive furnishings and walnut woodwork make this site popular among visitors to Arrow Rock.

**DR. MATTHEW WALTON HALL HOUSE** is lavishly restored to the period of 1830-1850. Dr. Hall, an early Arrow Rock physician about whom little is known, after building the house and occupying it for a short while, moved his family into the nearby rural



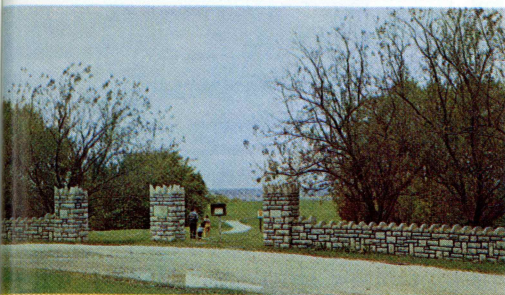
environment for the protection of his children against the evils of city life. The building, consisting of four rooms, was built in the federal style of architecture. Two rooms have been furnished by the Daughters of the American Revolution while the remaining rooms provide facilities for meetings of the D. A. R. chapters.

This restored home is typical of federal type architecture.



**THE OLD SEMINARY** was originally constructed as living quarters for students who attended a boarding school in Arrow Rock during the 1830's. Constructed of logs and covered with weather-boarding the two story structure, built in the federal style of architecture, has one stone and one brick chimney. The building presently serves as a private residence for the Park Superintendent.

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Entrance to the Civil War Battle of Lexington, scene of a bloody 1861 battle.

**BATTLE OF LEXINGTON, STATE HISTORIC SITE.** Here is the site of the Battle of Lexington, more popularly known as the "Battle of the Hemp Bales," fought in and around the City of Lexington on September 18, 19 and 20, 1861, between Major General Sterling Price of the Missouri State Guard and Colonel James A. Mulligan, Commander of Federal troops. The engagement ended in a victory for the South. Over a hundred years' weather has not erased the outlines of the trenches. The site is located in Lexington from U. S. Highway 24 in Lafayette County.

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**THE ANDERSON HOUSE** which is in the Battle of Lexington, State Historic Site, is an excellent relic of a tragic event in the Nation's history. During and after the Battle of Lexington the Anderson House served as a field hospital in which both Confederate and Federal troops were treated. Blood stained floors bear witness to the injured and dead. The two story brick mansion was built by Colonel Oliver Anderson in 1853. Anderson moved to Lexington, Missouri from Lexington, Kentucky in 1851 and became involved in the hemp rope industry. The interior woodwork is beautiful walnut. The scars of battle are still visible on the inside and outside walls of the house.



Anderson House was built in 1853.

**BOLLINGER MILL, STATE HISTORIC SITE** is located on the south side of Bufordville off of State Highway 34 in Cape Girardeau County. The mill is one of the state's few remaining grist mills. It was built by George Frederick Bollinger around 1800. The mill was burned during the Civil War, and its restoration included the present brick upper

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George Bollinger built this grist mill in the early 1800's.



stories. Restoration of the mill is underway, however, it is not presently open to the public. A 140-foot self supporting Howe Truss covered bridge is located next to the mill. Picnicking facilities are available.

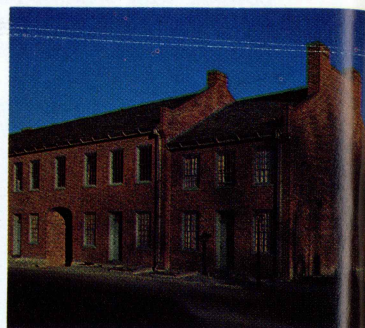
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**BOONE'S LICK, STATE HISTORIC SITE** is located on Howard County MM from State Highway 87, 19 miles northwest of Boonville. This state park in Howard County is being preserved as a historic site, one of the earliest centers of white man's activities in the interior of Missouri. Salt was made at Boone's Lick Spring as early as 1805 by Daniel M. Boone and Nathan Boone, the two sons of Daniel Boone. The salt was boated down the Missouri River to settlements and St. Louis. Nature trails and picnicking facilities are available.

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**THE FIRST MISSOURI STATE CAPITAL**, State Historic Site, is located within a historic district of St. Charles at 208-214 South Main Street. Restoration was completed this year to coincide with the state's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

These buildings were the seat of government from 1821 to 1826. It was here that Missouri's first governor, Alexander McNair received official notice that Missouri had been admitted to the Union. The Senate and House Chambers, Governor's Office, and Committee Room are located in four separate rooms on the second floor. The first floor housed residences and a dry goods and hardware store. The Capitol is furnished with antiques of the 1821-1826 period.



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**FORT DAVIDSON, STATE HISTORIC SITE** is located in Pilot Knob on the Business Loop of State Highway 21. The Fort was the scene of a bloody battle in September, 1864, between troops of Confederate General Sterling Price and Union Commander Thomas Ewing. Price's defeat had a shattering effect on Confederate morale. The land has remained untouched since the battle, making it one of the few remaining areas where visible remnants of Missouri's part in the Civil War can be found.

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**GOVERNOR DUNKLIN'S GRAVE, STATE HISTORIC SITE** is located on Dunklin Drive in Herculaneum overlooking the mighty Mississippi. The Missouri State Park Board has repaired and restored the small cemetery containing one acre and is giving perpetual care to the area. Daniel Dunklin was the fifth governor of Missouri 1832-1836. He is the father of Missouri's modern public school system.

The Missouri State Park Board has placed bronze markers on fourteen governor's graves whose gravestones did not carry the legend that they once served as Governor of Missouri.

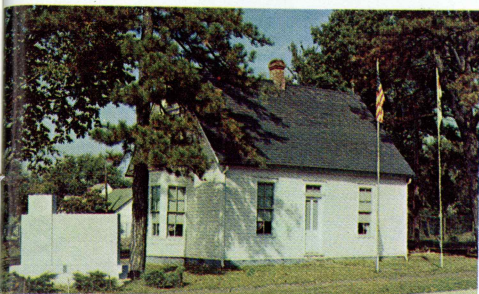


Governor Daniel Dunklin's grave overlooks the Mississippi River.



**GRAHAM CAVE**, Montgomery City, Missouri. (See listing 14, page 21.)

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Harry S. Truman was born here May 8, 1884.

**HARRY S. TRUMAN BIRTHPLACE, STATE HISTORIC SITE.** On May 8, 1884, Harry S. Truman, the only Missourian ever to serve as President, was born in this small house in Lamar, Missouri, which is in southwest Missouri on U. S. Highway 71. The house was purchased by the United Automobile Workers and donated to the State of Missouri as a monument to the 32nd President of the United States. Truman served as President from 1945-1953. Known for his straight forward Missouri manner, President Truman served this nation and the world on the threshold of the Atomic Age.

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**JOHN J. PERSHING BOYHOOD HOME, STATE HISTORIC SITE** is the boyhood home of the only other man besides George Washington to hold the title of General of the Armies. It is located 1 mile north of U. S. Highway 36 on State Highway 5 in Laclede, Missouri. The house is one of the few examples of Rural Gothic Architecture west of the Mississippi. Pershing lived here from age 6 (1866) until he left home for college in 1882. He became Commander-in-Chief of the victorious U. S. Expeditionary Forces at the beginning of World War I. A museum in one room of the eleven-room house interprets "Black Jack's" life. The remaining rooms are furnished of the period of Pershing's occupancy.



Boyhood Home of General John J. Pershing in Laclede.

**LINN COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE** is located 3 miles west of Laclede on U.S. Highway 36 and 1 mile north, then east on a gravel road. The bridge was built in 1868. Vehicular traffic is prohibited as the road terminates.

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**MARK TWAIN BIRTHPLACE SHRINE, STATE HISTORIC SITE**, located in Mark Twain State Park, near Perry and Paris, on State Highway 107, is a modernistic building of steel, concrete and Missouri stone. It strikes a pleasing contrast to the surrounding countryside. Large, glass windows case the glow of Samuel Clemens' (Mark Twain's) beloved outdoors over the enshrined, two-room house in which he was born on November

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30, 1835. The shrine has a museum, containing many of Clemens' personal belongings, interpreting his American experiences and literary work. On display is a large, bronze bust and several original portraits. (Also on display is the manuscript used for the first printing of "Tom Sawyer"). Missouri's most famous literary son, Mark Twain, became the world's best loved author and humorist, cheering and comforting a tired world.



This Shrine houses the two-room birthplace home of Mark Twain.

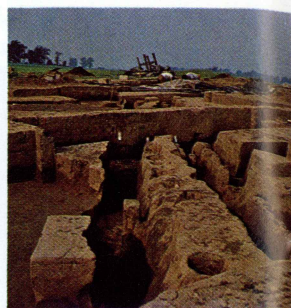
**SANDY CREEK COVERED BRIDGE** is located 5 miles north of Hillsboro on U.S. Highway 21 and 500 feet east on Goldman Road on the old Lemay Ferry Road. Constructed of white pine the bridge is approximately 76 feet in length. The bridge is open to vehicular traffic.

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**TOWOSAHGY, STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE** is situated east of East Prairie on U. S. Highway 80, then 2 miles south on Mississippi County AA, 3 miles south on Mississippi County FF, then east one mile on gravel, and south one mile on gravel. This park, consisting of 64 acres is the site of an old Indian village of the Mississippian Culture, and the name Towosahgy is a more recent Osage Indian word meaning Old Town. A full time archaeologist is stationed at the Park and, with the weather permitting, conducts excavations of the site particularly during the summer months. Material retrieved from the site will be used eventually in the restoration of the Mississippian village to include the temple mounds, Indian houses, and plaza area. Visitors may walk over the site, being careful not to disturb the deposits, and observe the excavations in progress.



Towosahgy was an Indian Village of the Mississippian Culture.

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Union Covered Bridge was built by J. C. Eliotte in 1870.

**UNION COVERED BRIDGE** is located 5 miles west of Paris on U. S. Highway 24 then three miles south on Monroe County route C, and ¼ mile west on gravel. Built in 1870, it is the remaining survivor of similar bridges constructed by J. C. Eliotte within Monroe County. The bridge is closed to vehicular traffic, but open for visitors to inspect the construction techniques used.

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**VAN METER STATE PARK** also includes the Lyman Center for Archaeological Research consisting of the Hamilton Field School and a small interpretative center. Self explanatory exhibits provide answers to most visitor questions, but a student archaeologist is on duty during the summer months. The Missouri Indians, after whom the State is named, lived on the site from ca. 1600 into the historic era and was at one time the most concentrated Indian occupation in the United States. The site is being used for the University of Missouri's "Summer Field Session in Archaeological Research." Visitors are welcome at the "dig" as well as the museum.

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**WATKINS WOOLEN MILL, STATE HISTORIC SITE** is located in Clay County, 6½ miles north of Excelsior Springs on U. S. Highway 69 and 1½ miles west on Clay County MM. The primary attraction in this park is the wooden mill built and equipped by Waltus L. Watkins in 1860. The original machinery and steam engine power plant remain and today it is an excellent example of an industrial plant of the mid-1800's. The mill is located on the grounds of the old Watkins plantation, "Bethany", and several other features — such as the Watkins home, smoke house and family cemetery— add interest to a visit to this early Missouri plantation. To preserve the historic atmosphere, no automobiles are allowed in the Historic Area of the park and access to the buildings is by way of pleasant footpaths through the grounds. As yet, other than picnicking, no recreation facilities have been developed in this park. Guided tours through the old mill are available to the public.



Watkins Woolen Mill was built in 1860.



# Missouri State Parks

**ARROW ROCK STATE PARK** is located in Saline County, 13 miles north of Interstate 70 on State Highway 41, 15 miles east of Marshall. This park offers the visitor a wide variety of recreation. Besides the excellent historic town, ideal camping and picnicking facilities are available on the high limestone bluffs overlooking the fertile green valleys of the mighty Missouri River. Modern rest rooms with showers, electric hookups and a trailer dumping station are available for tent or trailer camping. (Also see historic site section).

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**DR. EDMUND A. BABLER MEMORIAL STATE PARK** is located 20 miles west of St. Louis on State Highway 109 off St. Louis county CC. This 2,500-acre tract in St. Louis County was a gift to the State from Jacob J. Babler and Henry J. Babler of St. Louis as a memorial to their brother, Dr. Edmund A. Babler, a well-known Missouri physician and surgeon. It was laid out and developed under the supervision of many of America's best park and forestry authorities and is intended as a great playground of the St. Louis area. A new swimming pool has been added to the facilities which are for day use only. There is a riding stable and 13 miles of bridle trails in the park. A new Nature Interpretive Center is open for the first time this year. A full time Naturalist is on duty year round to give nature hikes, talks, and show films. The Interpretive Center's exhibits serve as an introduction to the flora and fauna of the state.

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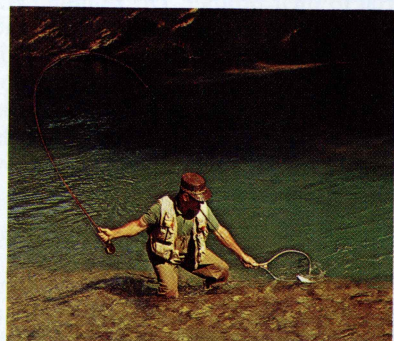
Entrance to Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park.



The new swimming pool is one of the park's most popular attractions.



The Missouri State Park System holds in trust for generations unborn a small but very valuable portion of this state's rich heritage...



#### **TROUT FISHING IN MISSOURI**

A favorite pastime for thousands . . . featured in Montauk, Roaring River, and Bennett Spring State Parks. The fish are bred, raised, and stocked by the Missouri Department of Conservation.





### ***A SPECIAL WELCOME FROM THOSE IN THE PARKS***

Your Park Superintendents (in green uniforms) and your Park Rangers (in blue uniforms) will be glad to help you with any problems.

The Park Rangers are the law enforcement section responsible for protection of park land and visitors. The Park Superintendents are responsible for the park's management and maintenance.



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**BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK** is not only one of the oldest but is one of the most popular parks in the system. The outstanding feature of the park is the large volume of clear, cold water from the sixth largest spring in Missouri, with an average daily flow of 71,000,000 gallons. As the spring branch wanders through the picturesque valley to the Niangua River, the clear, cool water furnishes excellent rainbow trout fishing. The stream is stocked daily from the well-operated hatchery run by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Bennett Spring State Park, consisting of 756 acres, is located in Laclede and Dallas counties, 12 miles west of Lebanon on State Highway 64. A Nature Interpretive Center is open all year. The exhibits interpret the forests and wildlife that are found in the hills surrounding the park. The campgrounds have been enlarged and two comfort stations, complete with showers, automatic clothes washers and

dryers, are available. And a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal is provided along with a trailer dumping station. Other facilities available include a dining lodge, cabins, store, picnic grounds, and swimming pool.



Bennett Spring is the State's most popular trout park.

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**BIG LAKE STATE PARK** is located in Holt County, 11 miles southwest of Mound City on State Highway 118 and 159. This park, consisting of 111 acres which adjoins a 625-acre oxbow lake, is popular among motorboat enthusiasts, canoeists, swimmers, fishermen, picnickers, and of late, iceboating. This partially timbered and level area contains a large picnic area, campgrounds with modern rest rooms and showers, trailer dumping station, store, air-conditioned dining lodge, swimming pool, boat dock and boats, and modern house-keeping cabins.



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**BIG OAK TREE STATE PARK**, containing 1,007 acres, 80 acres of which are in virgin timber, is located in Mississippi County, 10 miles south of East Prairie on County A to State Highway 102. This botanical garden contains a number of the largest living specimens of big trees in America according to the American Forestry Association,





such as: Green Ash; Pumpkin Ash; Possumhaw Holly; Swamp Privet and Water Locust. A 22-acre lake has been constructed to provide fishing. Picnic tables, ovens and a shelter are provided for the day visitors.

Some of the nation's largest trees are growing in Big Oak Tree.

**BOLLINGER MILL, STATE HISTORIC SITE**, is located on the south side of Burfordville off of State Highway 34 in Cape Girardeau County. This site is still under development. Picnic facilities are available. Consult the Historic Site section for more information on this site. (#3 page 11)

**BOONE'S LICK, STATE HISTORIC SITE**, is located on Howard County MM from State Highway 87, 10 miles northwest of Booneville. Picnicking facilities and nature trails are available. Please consult the Historic Sites section for more information. (#4 page 12)

**BATTLE OF LEXINGTON, STATE HISTORIC SITE**, is located in Lexington from U. S. Highway 24 in Lafayette County. Picnic facilities are available. Please consult the Historic Site section for more information. (No. 2 page 11).

**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL STATE PARK** is located in Lafayette County, 1 mile north of Higginsville on State Highways 20 and 13. The memorial park area of the Old Confederate Soldier's Home, consisting of 95 acres, is now maintained as a state park. The entire area, which will be preserved along with the cemetery, monuments and other commemorative items, is beautifully landscaped. Picnic tables and ovens are provided for the day users.



Lake of beautiful Crowder State Park.

**CROWDER STATE PARK** is located in Grundy County, 2 miles west of Trenton on State Highway 6 and north on State Highway 146 to State Highway 128, and is in memorial to General Enoch H. Crowder. This park, consisting of 673 acres of very rugged terrain nestled in the green hills of northern Missouri, is outstanding. A man-made 20-acre lake provides swimming, fishing and boating. Picnicking and camping are popular throughout the season as is the enclosed shelter. Camp Grand River, the organized group camp which has a capacity of 120, is one of the best liked and most modern of the sixteen in the state park system. The campground now has modern rest rooms with showers. Also, electric hookups and trailer dumping station are available for the tent or trailer camper.

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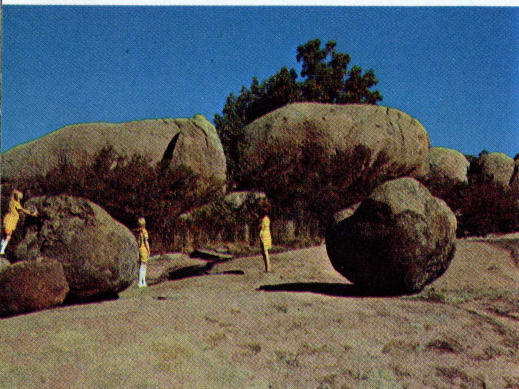
**CUIVRE RIVER STATE PARK** is located in Lincoln County, 5 miles east of Troy on State Highway 47. This heavily wooded park of 5,914 acres is interlaced with over 15 miles of foot trails providing excellent hiking and nature study. Big Sugar and Little Sugar Creeks wind through the area to find their way to Cuivre River, which is the western border of the park. The park contains four organized group camps, Sherwood Forest, Derricotte, Cuivre and Frenchmans Bluff, which are heavily used by public non-profit organizations. The public use area is equipped for picnicking and camping. Lake Lincoln consisting of 80 surface acres of water provides bass, bluegill, and channel cat fishing. No overnight boat tie-ups are allowed on the lake. A bathing beach for swimmers has been developed on the lake.



Lake Lincoln in Cuivre River.

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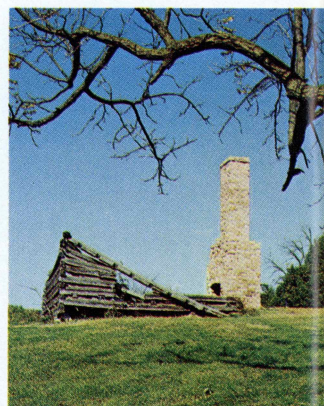
**ELEPHANT ROCKS STATE PARK** consists of 125 acres and is located on Highway 21 at the northeast edge of Graniteville in Iron County. This area is now under development, but open for public day use. The park is unique due to the curious geology from which the name is derived. It has been estimated that the largest so called Elephant Rock, which is 27 feet tall, 35 feet long, and 17 feet wide, weighs about 680 tons. Geologists estimate its age to be approximately 1.2 billion years. It should be noted that the oldest granite quarry in Missouri was open in 1869 near the Elephant Rocks and furnished stone for the piers for Eads Bridge and cobbles for St. Louis streets.



The Elephant Rocks are estimated to be 1.2 billion years old.

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**FORT ZUMWALT STATE PARK**, containing 48 acres, is located in St. Charles County, 1 mile west of O'Fallon on State Highway 175 from Interstate 70. The remains of the oldest hewn timber cabin north of the Missouri River may be seen here. It is also the site of a fort built in 1798 by Jacob Zumwalt. The U. S. Daughters of 1812 erected a monument at the entrance of the park to commemorate the scene of the first battle of the War of 1812 in Missouri. Camping and picnicking facilities are available. An enclosed shelter is now available by reservations only. This park is closed at 10 p.m. daily. Electric hookups are available for tent or trailer camping.



Old ruins at Fort Zumwalt.





Graham Cave was named for an early settler.

and the University of Missouri were completed in 1954. Indian occupation of the cave has been placed at 7850 B. C., plus or minus 500, or approximately 10,000 years. Guide service is provided during the summer months. This new park has modern rest rooms with showers and a trailer dumping station in the large campground.

### GRAHAM CAVE STATE PARK,

named for an early settler, Robert Graham, is located in Montgomery County, 2 miles west of Danville on County TT from Interstate 70. The preliminary archaeological excavations of Graham Cave conducted by the Missouri Archaeological Society



Day-use area at Hawn State Park.

**HAWN STATE PARK** is located in Ste. Genevieve County, equal distance between Ste. Genevieve and Farmington, on a county road from State Highway 32. Although it is still under development, limited facilities for picnicking and camping are available. Roads are being constructed and nature trails were developed by a group of Neighborhood Youth Corps boys. This 2,259-acre park is noted for its beautiful stand of pine trees and wild azaleas. The park also contains many native Missouri hardwoods such as oak and hickory with a generous understory of dogwood and red bud. Spring-fed Pickle Creek runs through the park and will border one side of the campground.

**JOHNSON'S SHUT-INS STATE PARK** is located in the northeast corner of Reynolds County, 8 miles north of Lesterville on County M. The spectacular feature in this very rugged country is picturesque shut-ins of the east fork of the Black River. Over eons of time, the stream formed a canyon-like defile by cutting a gap through a shelf of the oldest exposed rock in Missouri. This 2,478-acre park will be left in its wilderness state with only facilities provided for picnicking, camping, nature trails and swimming. Modern rest rooms with showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer are now available. A trailer dumping station and electric hook-ups are also available.

Nature's beauty abounds at Johnson's Shut-ins.



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**KNOB NOSTER STATE PARK** is located in Johnson County at Knob Noster on U. S. Highway 50. This 3,610-acre tract is heavily wooded, and has many miles of nature trails built for those who enjoy hiking and nature study. The area abounds with deer and other wildlife. The two organized group camps, Shawnee and Bob White, are used by non-profit organizations during the camping season from April 15 to October 15. Several lakes have been built to provide swimming and fishing. Other facilities are: picnic tables, ovens, shelters and campgrounds. The campgrounds have new modern rest rooms with showers, electric hookups for tent or trailer camping, and a dumping station for travel trailers.

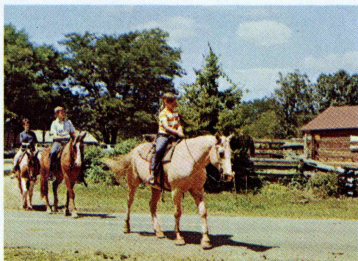
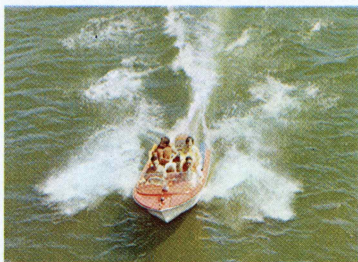


Clearfork Lake in Knob Noster.

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**LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK**, located in Camden and Miller Counties near Osage Beach, is the largest in the Missouri State Park System, containing 16,469 acres. It has 89 miles of shore line and about 4,000 acres of water. The park includes most of the Grand Glaize Arm of the lake. Two public swimming and boat launching areas are provided. Public Beach No. 1 is located at the end of State Highway 134, and Public Beach No. 2 is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from U. S. Highway 54, 2 miles south of the Grand Glaize Bridge. A 6,500 by 100 foot airstrip with a pavement strength of 143,000 pounds, terminal building, aircraft fuel, and tiedown service is now available. Other available facilities in the park are abundant, such as: boating; fishing; picnicking; tent and trailer camping; showers; modern rest rooms; coin-operated, automatic laundry equipment; horseback riding; nature trails; and the six organized group camps, Rising Sun, Clover Point, Hawthorn, Pin Oak, Red Bud, and Pa He Tsi. More modern rest rooms with showers and a trailer dumping station have been constructed in the camping area.





**LAKE WAPPAPELLO STATE PARK** consists of 1,854 acres of an area know as the Allison Peninsula on Lake Wappapello. The area is located in Wayne County approximately 12 miles north of Poplar Bluff on U. S. Highway 67 and 9 miles east on State Highway 172. The U. S. Corps of Engineers licensed this land to the Missouri State Park Board for the establishment of a state park. The lake provides excellent crappie, black bass, and jack salmon fishing. Facilities available, other than fishing, are: swimming, boating, and tent and trailer camping. A floating boat dock is near the public use area and has available rental boats, motors, and supplies. The modern comfort station has hot and cold showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer. Also, a trailer dumping station is available for travel trailers. Seven completely new furnished housekeeping cabins, air-conditioned and fully carpeted, are now available.



Camping on Lake Wappapello.

**LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK**, consisting of 61 acres, is 20 miles southwest of St. Joseph on State Highway 45. This park is located in Buchanan County on the southeast shore of Lewis and Clark Lake, which covers approximately 400 acres. Picnic facilities for day use and campgrounds are available for visitors to the park. A large pan and game fish hatchery is located in the park, from which many northern Missouri streams and lakes are stocked. The campgrounds now have a new modern rest room and shower building and electric hookups and trailer dumping station for tent and trailer camping.



Lewis & Clark State Park is a favorite of campers.



Bluffs overlooking the Salt River.

**MARK TWAIN STATE PARK** is located in Monroe County, almost equal distance from Paris, Perry and Monroe City, on State Highway 107, and is a memorial to Mark Twain. This park consists of 1,192 acres of rough and tumble terrain. On the bluff overlooking the Salt River is hallowed ground, for here was born Samuel L. Clemens who brought literary fame to Missouri. There are campgrounds, picnicking, an enclosed shelter on Buzzard's Roost, Camp Clemens for organized group camping, and a number of nature trails wind their way through the park. Four housekeeping vacation cabins have been added to the park's facilities.



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**MERAMEC STATE PARK**, consisting of 7,153 acres is located 4 miles east of Sullivan on State Highway 185 in Franklin County. This park is the state's second largest and is one of the most scenic, with the Meramec River cutting through rough, timbered hills. There are some 20 caves, headed by the big Fisher's Cave and a dozen or more small springs run throughout the park. Fisher's Cave is the first large cave discovered west of the Mississippi. The park is a game refuge, and deer may be seen frequently. Facilities are provided for fishing, swimming and boating on the Meramec River. Also provided is a dining lodge, nature trails, cabins, picnicking facilities, campgrounds, complete trailer connections and a trailer camping station. Three new modern comfort stations have been constructed providing hot and cold showers and coin-operated laundry equipment for the convenience of the campers. The nature museum, with new displays, is under the supervision of and serves as the headquarters for the park naturalist during the summer months.

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**MONTAUK STATE PARK**, consisting of 1,096 acres, is located 21 miles southwest of Salem on State Highway 119 in Dent County. The clear, cold waters of Montauk Spring, flowing 40,000,000 gallons daily, emerge from the floor of a broad open valley enclosed by timbered slopes to form the headwaters of the Current River. A large trout



Trout fishing continues to grow in popularity.

hatchery is located near the spring and the stream is kept well stocked with trout. An old grist mill, with all machinery intact, still stands on the bank of the river. In addition to fishing, this park is an ideal spot for nature study. A new campground with modern rest room facilities, showers and coin-operated laundry equipment is now available, as are electric hookups for tent or trailer camping and a trailer dumping station. The picnic area has been enlarged and modern rest rooms constructed.

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**PERSHING STATE PARK**, consisting of 1,836 acres, is located 2 miles west of Laclede on U. S. Highway 36 in the woodland and prairie area Linn County. This park is a memorial to General John J. Pershing, Commanding General for the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. The General's boyhood home in Laclede has been acquired by the State Park Board for preservation. The statue of the "War Angel" in the park was dedicated to all mothers of America in 1940 by the American War Mothers of Missouri. Excellent picnicking facilities with tables and ovens, camping and nature trails are provided. The campground now has modern rest rooms with showers and coin-operated washer and dryer. A dumping station for travel trailers is now available. Camp Blue Bird is available to non-profit organizations for group camping.



Pershing State Park was the boyhood playground of General John J. Pershing.





**POMME DE TERRE STATE PARK** is located in Hickory County, 4 miles north of Pittsburg on State Highway 64. The 364 acres in this park lie between the Pomme de Terre River and the Lindley Creek Arms of the lake. This new reservoir has 7,800 acres of water and over 100 miles of shore line. Available facilities consist of a modern boat dock with rental boats, outboard motors for fishing or skiing, boat launching ramp, swimming, camping and picnicking accommodations. Modern rest rooms with showers and coin-operated, automatic washer and dryer have been added to this new park. Also, a dumping station for travel trailers is available.

Boat dock at Pomme de Terre.



Beautiful Lake Pomme de Terre.

Trout fishing  
at Roaring River.



**ROARING RIVER STATE PARK**, consisting of 3,332 acres, is located in Barry County, 7 miles south of Cassville on State Highway 112 in the most beautiful part of the Ozarks, and except for the river valley, is rugged, mountainous and well timbered. The



huge spring, which is the beginning of Roaring River, gushes 28,000,000 gallons of clear, cold water daily into the channel of Roaring River. A large trout hatchery is located near the spring, and the river is well stocked with trout at all times. The overnight campgrounds have been enlarged and available are new comfort stations with shower and laundry facilities, electric hookups for tent or trailer camping, and a trailer dumping station. Camp Smokey is available to non-profit organizations for group camping. Other facilities available are: hotel, dining lodge, cabins, store, picnic grounds, nature trails, swimming pool and riding stable.

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**ROCK BRIDGE MEMORIAL STATE PARK** has for its main feature many geological formations and the Rock Bridge being the most important. Although the park is under development, picnicking is available. Clear and Gans Creeks join in the park to form the head water of the Little Bonne Femme. Along these creeks you will see many native Missouri trees. Playground equipment is available for the youngsters, and a ball field is in the picnic area. The park is seven miles south of Columbia and I-70 on Bonne County 'K' (Providence Road turnoff) to County N.

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**ST. FRANCOIS STATE PARK** is located on U. S. Highway 67 in St. Francois County and comprises approximately 2,402 acres, all of which was given to the State of Missouri by the people of St. Francois County. The park is generally rugged and thickly wooded. It has great potential for development into a state park. Coonville Creek, a small spring-fed stream, roughly parallels the western boundary, and Big River bounds the park on the south. Although it is still under development, the park is open for limited day use and camping.



Big River in St. Francois Park.



Rustic cabin in Sam A. Baker State Park.

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**SAM A. BAKER STATE PARK**, consisting of 5,138 acres, is located 3 miles north of Patterson on State Highway 143 in Wayne County, the birthplace of Sam A. Baker, former Governor of Missouri. On your first visit to the park, you will be struck by the beauty of nature's own landscaping from the summit of beautiful Mudlick Mountain, the bluffs and shut-ins along Big Creek and the swift, clear waters of the St. Francois River. Wildlife will be found in abundance in the park, and may be seen from numerous nature trails in the area. This park has become a popular family vacation spot, and the park's facilities have been designed for family accommodations. Available facilities are:





swimming, a well-equipped kiddies' playground, cabins, dining lodge, nature trails, picnicking, store, campgrounds with modern rest rooms and showers, electric hookups for tent or trailer camping and a trailer dumping station. The coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer are located in the cabin area. Also available for trailer campers is a trailer dumping station.

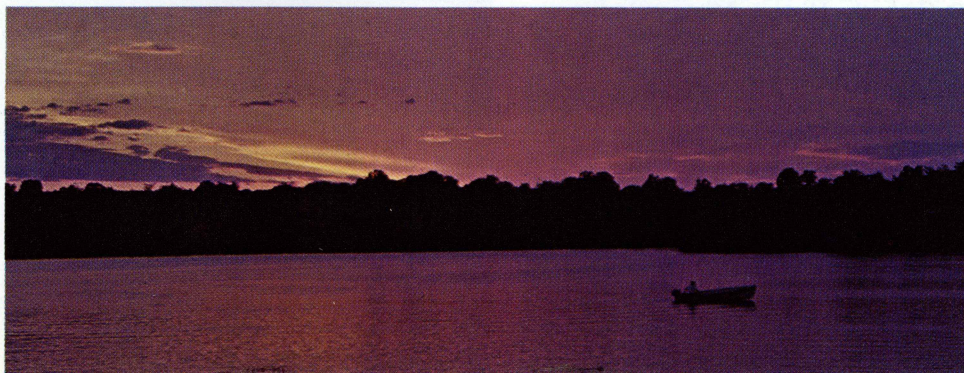
Campers enjoy a meal at Sam A. Baker.

**STOCKTON STATE PARK** is located on the new Corps of Engineers Reservoir on the south side of the town of Stockton. Reservoir construction began in 1964. The park, along Missouri Highway 215, already has picnicking and playground facilities. Additional facilities for the 2,012 acre park are under construction. Boating, swimming and fishing are now available.

**TABLE ROCK STATE PARK** is located in Stone and Taney Counties, 5 miles west of Branson from State Highway 76 on State Highway 165. This area, consisting of 552 acres on Table Rock Reservoir, is licensed from the U. S. Corps of Engineers. It is situated in the heart of the Shepherd of the Hills country near Inspiration Point where Harold Bell Wright camped to write his famous novel about the Hills' people. Facilities available are: two boat docks (one for fishing and the other for recreation); a large concrete boat launching ramp; swimming; picnicking; a campground complete with modern comfort stations, hot and cold showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer; and a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal.



**THOUSAND HILLS STATE PARK**, consisting of 3,192 acres, is located 4 miles west of Kirksville from State Highway 6 in Adair County. This park is located in the beautiful green hills of northern Missouri and has for its principal feature the large man-made 703-acre lake. It has a 17-mile shore line and provides such water sports as motor boating (outboards only — 20 h.p. maximum), water skiing, surfboards, paddleboats, rowboats, swimming and fishing. The lake is stocked with crappie, bluegill, channel cat, black bass and jack salmon. The facilities available are: enclosed shelter, bathhouse and bathing beach, a well-supplied boathouse, boat dock, launching ramp for boats, picnic grounds with tables and ovens, open shelters and playground equipment



Sunset on Forest Lake.

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for the youngsters. The large campground is equipped with modern rest rooms, hot and cold showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer. The travel trailer park has connections for water, electricity and disposal available. Also, a trailer dumping station has been built. Modern rest rooms are now available in the picnic area. Five new modern vacation cabins have been added to the park's facilities.

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**TRAIL OF TEARS STATE PARK** is located in Cape Girardeau County, 10 miles north of Cape Girardeau on State Highway 177 from County V, and 7 miles southeast off of State Highway 61 at Fruitland on County J, to State Highway 177. This park, consisting of 3,268 acres, was a gift to the State of Missouri by the residents of Cape Girardeau County, the first by any political subdivision. The park contains a portion of the route known as "The Trail of Tears" used by the Cherokee Indians in their forced march from Tennessee to Oklahoma. Among the many who died was Princess Otaiki, whose



Grave of Princess Otaiki, legendary daughter of Chief Bushyhead.

grave is now marked with a memorial monument. A dense and healthy stand of trees cover the area, which contains many fine specimens of American beech, tulip, winged elm, Spanish Oak and dogwood. Facilities available are: picnicking; nature trails; a campground complete with modern comfort station, hot and cold showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer; trailer dumping station; and a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal. Modern rest rooms have been provided for the picnic area.

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**VAN METER STATE PARK**, consisting of 722 acres, is located in Saline County, 12 miles northwest of Marshall on State Highway 122 from State Highway 41. This park offers excellent facilities for picnicking and camping, and a playground for kiddies is conveniently located in the main picnic area. The park is made distinctive by a thick growth of walnut trees and other flora. Indian remains date from early man cultures (10,000 B. C.) to the Historic Missouri Indians. Archaic Indian cultures are in evidence up to Early Woodland Cultures. The Middle Woodland Culture (Hopewell) built the "Old Fort", the only known earthworks of this kind west of the Mississippi. The Missouri Indians, after whom the State is named, lived in the



Excavation at Van Meter.



area from early 1600 into the historic era and was at one time the most concentrated Indian occupation in the United States. The site is being used for the University of Missouri's "Summer Field Session in Archaeological Research." A new road has been constructed to Lake Wooldridge to accommodate the picnickers and fishermen. The lake has been stocked with bass, bluegill and channel cat.



Fishing and swimming are popular at Wakonda.



**WAKONDA STATE PARK**, located 3 miles south of LaGrange on U. S. Highway 61 in Lewis County, consists of 257 acres of land, 75 acres of which are in lakes. These lakes are well stocked with black bass, channel cat, and bluegill. Swimming, camping, and picnicking facilities are available in this new park. Modern rest rooms with showers are now available in the campground, and modern rest rooms are in the picnic area. Also available is a trailer dumping station. A new bathhouse and confection building has been constructed to accommodate the swimmers. Lifeguards will be on duty at all times when the beach is open.



**WALLACE STATE PARK**, consisting of 301 acres, is located 6 miles south of Cameron on State Highway 121 in Clinton County. This park is an excellent example of how a regional recreation area can well serve a community. The enclosed shelter, as well as open shelters, is very popular and is almost in constant use. This well-kept area also



furnishes ideal picnicking facilities, excellent equipped playgrounds for the youngsters, fishing in a small lake, camping, an area set aside for Boy and Girl Scouts' overnights, and nature trails have been laid out through the rough parts of the park for hikers and nature students. For campers, new modern rest rooms with showers and coin-operated washers and dryer have been added. Also available is a trailer dumping station.





**WASHINGTON STATE PARK**, consisting of 1,101 acres, is located 14 miles northeast of Potosi on State Highway 21 in Washington County. Although it is not one of the state's larger parks, it is favored by many for its secluded setting, its excellent picnicking and camping sites, and its fine fishing in Big River. A new modern swimming pool has been built for those who prefer to swim. In addition, this park contains a concentration of hundreds of petroglyphs (prehistoric carvings in stone). Thunderbirds and other symbolic figures are interpreted for the public. A kiddies' playground and a parking lot are in front of the dining lodge. A baseball diamond and the picnic area are to the east along the river. To the west, foot trails lead along the river to a cave and to the bluffs overlooking the river. Also, there are cabins, shelter house, campgrounds, and a nature museum. In the new camping area, a modern rest room building with showers has been constructed.



New swimming pool at Washington State Park.

**WATKINS MILL STATE PARK** is located in Clay county, 6½ miles north of Excelsior Springs on U. S. Highway 69 and 1½ miles west on County MM. The park has only picnicking and day-use facilities at the present time. A 100-acre lake was built last year with boating and swimming now available. See the Historic Site section for more information on this park. (No. 17, page 14)

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# MISSOURI STATE PARK BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS

## CAMPING

- (a) Vacation or recreational camping only is permitted in most State Parks, then only in developed campgrounds or in areas designated by the Park Superintendent.
- (b) Demand a receipt for all camping fee payment.
- (c) Camping is limited to fifteen (15) consecutive days. Camping unit must vacate park for at least 24 hours after the 15th consecutive day.
- (d) A unit is defined as a tent, travel trailer, truck camper, car, bus, or vehicle used for living or shelter, or a sleeping bag, hammock, or similar device used for sleeping with no other shelter.
- (e) Only one unit per campsite is allowed except as defined in item G.
- (f) Only one family of first degree relationship (i.e., father, mother, son, and/or daughter) or group of unrelated or distant related persons not to exceed ten persons per unit per campsite, except as defined in item G.
- (g) Where "family group sites" are available, two units as defined in items D and F will be allowed with each unit paying the appropriate fee as defined in item H.
- (h) Fees: Regular campsite \$2.00 per day.  
Regular campsite with electrical hookup \$2.50 per day.  
Campsite with water, sewer, and electrical hookup for trailer \$3.00 per day.

The campground check-out time is 3:00 p.m.

- (i) Fees are charged on the basis of facilities available at the campsite regardless if they are used.

**CAVES.** No person shall enter any cave in a state park without a valid Missouri State Park Board Cave Permit. Fisher Cave in Meramec State Park excepted.

**FIREWOOD** in all state parks will be sold at the rate of 50¢ per bundle. Woodlot hours are posted in each park.

## DOMESTIC ANIMALS

- (a) Dogs, cats, stock, poultry, or any other domestic animals are not permitted to range within the park at any time. Pets are permitted only when on leash, said leash not to be more than ten (10) feet in length.
- (b) Pets are not permitted in any state park building designed for public use, such as restaurant, cabin, or motel lodge room, etc., or on swimming beaches.

**FIRECRACKERS AND FIREWORKS** are absolutely prohibited at all times.

**FIRES** may be built only in ovens, stoves, or rings provided by the State Park Board, and must be extinguished before leaving the area. No campfires will be permitted in the overnight camp areas after 10:00 p.m. Fires may be prohibited entirely by the posting of special signs.

## HORSES

- (a) Horses are permitted only in designated areas and are not permitted in the camping area, picnic area, or other public-use areas. Horses are to have a rider on them or the horse is to be tied in a designated area.
- (b) Horseback riding is permitted only in state parks where riding trails have been developed. Horseback riding is prohibited in any other area except in horse camping areas as defined in paragraph C. of this section. Horses are not to be ridden on foot trails or tied to trees.
- (c) Horse camping is permitted only in state parks where horse camping sites have been developed and must be contained within areas designated as horse camping sites.
- (d) Fee: Charge of \$2.00 per day per unit as defined in Section I, Paragraphs D and F. No charge for horse.

**HUNTING AND FISHING.** No person shall pursue, catch, kill, or take any wildlife in any manner, or in any quantity or at any time or place, except as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Department of Conservation. The possession of a firearm shall be considered prima facie evidence of violation of this regulation.

**SWIMMING** is permitted only in designated places and only at swimmer's risk. Swimming is also restricted to hours between sunrise and sunset.

**SPEED LIMIT.** 20 miles per hour for any vehicle except where posted.

**MOTORCYCLES.** No motorcycles, motorbikes, or any other two or three wheeled, motor-powered vehicles shall be permitted in park areas in which signs are posted prohibiting their use. The Director shall in his discretion determine those park areas, if any, in which such vehicles are to be permitted.

These regulations are intended to protect the rights and interests of all park patrons, and should be observed in the spirit of consideration for others.

Any person violating any rule or regulation adopted by the State Park Board or any law while within the confines of any State Park shall be subject to prosecution under the laws of the State of Missouri.

Adopted this 20th day of November, 1970 pursuant to authority granted by Chapter 253, Missouri Revised Statutes, 1969.

(Reservations are not accepted for tent or trailer camping. The campgrounds are open the year round, but water and related sanitary facilities are not available from October 31 to April 15.)

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